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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	
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Katsumi OKAMURA, et al.	:	Confirmation No.: Not yet assigned
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For: SURFACE-COATED HIGH HARDNESS MATERIAL FOR TOOL		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.